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## Slow Streets campaign is an alternative to pedestrians, cyclists to avoid main roads or congested streets in Bengaluru, with identified stretches mapped to nearest schools, parks

# SLOW MOTION, IN FAST CITY

## '68% of emissions in Bengaluru transport-led'

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As pedestrianisation of Church Street on weekends turned out to be a big hit, now there is a rising demand for pedestrian-friendly slow streets across Bengaluru. While the authorities are yet to take the leap, many Bengalrueans have already taken the lead. The active mobility group is mapping slow streets in neighbourhoods to help pedestrians and cyclists use the stretches for their safety and convenience.

At the moment, volunteers from across Bengaluru are on a mission to identify slow streets with help of local residents which will provide an alternative to pedestrians and cyclists to avoid the main roads or congested streets. These slow streets will be mapped to the nearest schools or public parks so that people can opt for these paths for daily exercise or errands.

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**"It is incumbent on younger generation to pick up ball and change unsustainable practices of previous generations** — Sathya Sankaran, bicycle mayor

# On the jab

## 'Vaccine absolutely safe; parents should not be worried about mild side-effects'

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Many parents in the city said they will not let their children aged 12-14 receive covid-19 vaccination.

The shot-shy parents are worried about 'adverse side-effects and health complications' of the new vaccine.

"We are going to wait and watch. We are not sure about the possible side-effects of the vaccine. While there is a buzz that schools might make it mandatory for their students, I feel school managements should be very careful before making this decision. These are younger children and side-effects might be severe. They cannot force the public to get the jab," said Kumar BN, a parent.

Many feel the pandemic appears to be waning and there is no need to subject young children to the vaccine's 'adverse side-effects'.

"I have a daughter in this age group; I am not keen on taking the jab at this point. The pandemic appears to be waning now;

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## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Of music & colour

Music and colour have the power to influence a person at multiple levels, in a powerful and memorable sense. At the start of spring, Holi, the festival of colours is celebrated amid serenity, liveliness, and with music. As a part of this, Ekatvam is bringing colour and music together at the Ekatvam Holi Music Fest 2022 at Bangalore Gayana Samaja. Twelve concerts from upcoming and renowned artists will enthral you with their genius.
**Where:** Bangalore Gayana Samaja, Basavanagudi,
**When:** Mar 18 – 20, multiple slots
**Contact:** 9986902524
**Tickets:** Rs 100 upwards, bookmyshow.com

### 02 Shuffle Dance

Learn Shuffle Dance or 'Cutting Shapes' as it is sometimes called. This dance form is characterised by quick and slick footwork, to the beats of the latest EDM music. It's a fun and upbeat dance that has many mental and physical health benefits.
**Where:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
**When:** Mar 18, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
**Register:** 9886294444

### 03 Lovers, reunited

BLR Creative Circus presents Rubaru: the celebration of a reunion of two lovers – artists and audience – after a long poignant phase of separation. This show brings back to stage the romance of live performance, through an interactive format inter-woven with soulful music, dance and poetry by Vidhya Gopal, Shinjita Roy, Alok Ranjan Srivastava and Tamal Pandey.
**Where:** Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb
**When:** March 18, 7:30pm
**Tickets:** https://imojo.in/rubarublrcreativecircus

# Kidwai to implement robotic surgery, soon

## Bengaluru's cancer institute ropes in private firm to help doctors get acquainted with robot-assisted procedures

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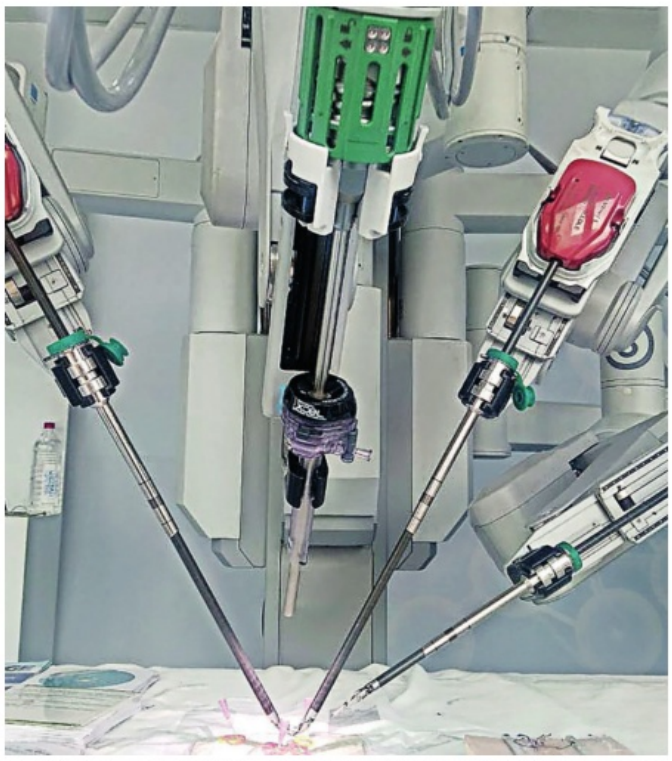

Robot-assisted surgeries are known for their positive outcomes and are being practiced in institutes across India

**Kidwai and Intuitive India aim to familiarise more than 35 resident surgeons with robot-assisted surgery, its technology, clinical applications and its benefits**

The government-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, a cancer centre in Bengaluru, is roping in a private sector firm to familiarise resident surgeons with robot-assisted surgery.

Kidwai has partnered with Intuitive India, the India arm of Intuitive Surgical, a global technology leader in minimally invasive care and a pioneer of robot-assisted surgery (RAS).

Through this initiative, also known as I-ROPE (Intuitive Robotic Onboarding Program and Education), Kidwai and Intuitive India aim to familiarise more than 35 resident surgeons with robot-assisted surgery, its technology, clinical applications and its benefits.

I-ROPE is an industry-academia collaborative program aimed at helping young surgeons understand the know-how and benefits of RAS procedures that is growing in demand using Intuitive's da Vinci surgical system. Currently, Intuitive is driving this program in renowned government medical institutions in the country.

Dr C Ramachandra, Director, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, explains the importance of this medical revolution. He says that as robotic surgery has become more widespread, early exposure to the platform is becoming increasingly important. "We hope that this program will inculcate the curiosity in the minds of new clinical talent about robotic assisted surgery and its various clinical applications that have shown great patient outcomes. Early adoption of technology not only reduces the learning curve but also enable the country's surgical healthcare landscape to function more effectively."

The program has been thoughtfully curated to help resident surgeons/fellows early on in their career, equipping them with knowledge on robot-assisted surgery and its clinical applications with respect to soft tissue procedures.

The program has three phases for a duration of eight weeks. The first step is to give them theoretical knowledge about how the robot works, the second step is to expose them to the actual instrument and its functions, and the third step involves learning the practical applications of the technology.

Mandeep Singh Kumar, VP and General Manager, Intuitive India, said that this the country is witnessing a growing interest among aspiring surgeons who want to use advanced technologies to help patients better. "In line with this, we see a big opportunity to enable the surgical ecosystem with advanced technologies such as RAS. An early exposure to robotic surgery will aid in developing the knowledge base and provide budding surgeons a platform of basic level knowledge and understanding of the technology."

This program was developed by Intuitive India together with AIIMS Delhi, last year. As a pilot project, AIIMS Delhi ran this program in their oncology divisions. Based on the surgical students' feedback, Intuitive India extended this program to other specialities and institutions across India.

# It's a textbook problem for students

With only two months left for the academic year 2022-23 to begin, state board students may face a potential disruption in their education as no textbooks for their curriculum have been printed yet. This is a problem faced by students every year, and now, parents and students are up in arms against the Department of Public Instructions.

Due to the pandemic, the students have already faced disruptions in their education, and are lagging behind in their studies. The government also cut short the summer holidays this time and notified classes to start classes from May 16. But there are only two months left for the new academic year to begin, but no books available.

The Department of Public Instructions and Karnataka Text Book Society (R) is in charge of printing all the books and distributing them to students. Every year, about five crore new books are printed. In 2021-22, there was a demand for 5,34,76,336 textbooks from

schools and the organisation had already received the indent for printing books for the next academic year. However, there has been no work order issued for printing books.

The government is supposed to analyse the textbook revision committee's report and issue orders for revised textbooks. But so far, there has been no order issued to the Karnataka Text Book Society (R). This problem had occurred last year as well and the distribution of textbooks was delayed. The books were distributed only by the end of December.

There was also a controversy over some chapters in textbooks for the 6th and 8th standards which were hurting the sentiments of certain communities. A committee was formed on September 8, 2021, consisting of 16 members to discuss the issue. The committee was given one month's time to submit its report. However, the committee submitted its report only after six months.

Educationist Dr VP Niranjanaradhya said, "Non-availability of textbooks is a violation to the right to education. Due to the delayed process, children are suffering."

The Managing Director of Karnataka Text Book Society (R), Madegowda, said that no order had been given by the government for printing the textbooks. "If we receive orders, we will print books immediately."

**–Prakash VL**

# Penny-pinching is on the plate? Poori out, chapati in

## Eateries think of raising prices of Dose, Uddina Vade, other items by Rs 5 per plate

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Your favourite Masale Dose may cost Rs 5 more if the oil prices stay on their upwards trajectory. As prices of essential commodities rise, many city restaurants are planning for a price hike in the menu. The hike may be to the tune of 10 per cent each item though the exact rise will be decided by the month-end.

Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association president PC Rao told Bangalore Mirror, "The price hike has hit us badly. If this trend continues, then we may be forced to increase the price. Though nothing concrete has been decided upon, there are plans to increase the price of Dose, Poori and Uddina Vade by Rs 5 per plate, while a plate of Idli may become dearer by Rs 3." Currently, the prices of Masale Dose ranges between Rs 40 and Rs 100 while Idly prices start at Rs 30.

Rao said that it was not edible oil that was burning a hole in their revenues but also increase in prices of gas and essential commodities. "Earlier, we used to buy a litre of sunflower oil at Rs 140 per kilo and now it has gone up to Rs 210 per litre. Gas price per cylinder has increased by Rs 120 and there are indications that it may go up next month. There are talks of increasing milk prices as well. If the petrol/diesel prices are increased, then automatically, there will be a price increase across the items," Rao said.

Though restaurants tried to remove items using too much edible oil, they had to bring it back to the menu owing to pressure from customers. "We had stopped making Uddina Vade due to the price rise. However, the customers refused to order Idlis without Vade. With no option, we had to re-start Vade. Similarly, we had stopped preparing bajjis as evening snacks but then the demand for coffee went down as many preferred to munch on bajjis with coffee. So, the bajjis were brought back," said Nandan Gowda, a hotelier.

If the prices don't come down, hoteliers will have to tweak the menu too. Rao said instead of poori which was being served with the lunch/dinner thali, they are now planning to serve Chapati. Instead of fried papad, hotels may offer roasted papads to save oil. In fact, the hotel industry was the one of worst impacted due to pandemic-induced lockdowns. Though the footfall is now returning to pre-Covid level, the price hike has hit the hotels.

Another hotelier said, "The pandemic had a crippling effect on most industries. The hotel industry is no exception. But we have not decided to increase prices as per rising input costs. We are operating with lesser profits. We don't intend to raise food prices due to rising ingredients' cost." According to him, nobody is interested in investing in hotel businesses these days.

"Bengaluru has the lowest prices when compared to other cities in terms of food items. So, we are serving customers rather than making profits." Another hotel owner added there is a worry that a rise in prices means loss of customer base. "We are impacted by the rising prices; it has affected our operating costs. But we are now operating on a 5 per cent margin as opposed to the earlier 10 per cent margin."

### Centre rules out subsidies for edible oil

With demand for reducing the prices of edible oil, Union Minister of State for Ministry of Rural Development and Consumer Affairs Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti said that there was no proposal to offer subsidies. "In order to improve the domestic availability and to keep prices of edible oils under control, the Government has been rationalising the duty structure on edible oil during the financial years 20/21-22 to reduce the price burden of common man." The current basic rate of import duty of zero per cent on crude palm oil, crude soybean oil and crude sunflower oil has been extended till September 30 this year, she said.

# Extortion in the name of raids: Posers arrested

The High Grounds police on Wednesday arrested a gang of three accused of posing as ACB officials. The men are said to have extorted Rs 10 lakh from a few BDA engineers. The police also arrested Chethan N, a BDA worker for introducing the accused to the BDA officials and mediating the deal.

The accused have been identified as Vijay Kumar, Praveen KR from Banashankari and Manoj Kumar from Palace Cross. The accused have made use of the recent raids carried out by the ACB in BDA and through their contact Chethan, approached the officials stating that they have information about the officials about their corruption and disproportionate assets and would be conducting raids on them soon. They also gave an option and took Rs 10 lakh in return of not taking action against them.

However, the ACB officials during the course of investigations stumbled upon the information and complained to the jurisdictional High Grounds police.

Based on the complaint, the police arrested Praveen, Chethan and Manoj Kumar for impersonation and extortion and have taken them into custody for further investigations to ascertain their criminal background. Efforts are on to track down Vijay Kumar who is on the run.

According to the ACB officials, a similar case was reported in February this year and conman identified as Dharmendra was arrested by High grounds police for threatening an officer with KIADB and extorting Rs 1.5 lakh from him. Another conman posing as ACB officer threatened and blackmailed an officer with the Bengaluru Nirmithi Kendra to extort money. A case has been registered in Halasuru gate police station.

The ACB officials warned officials not to entertain people who approach them as ACB and demand money and report the matter to the ACB office or the jurisdictional police. **BMB**

# Puneeth's birth anniversary, strike; Holi keep men in khakhi on their toes

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It was a hectic Thursday for city police who had made elaborate security arrangements starting Wednesday night across the city. Thursday had three tasks cut out: Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar's film James was releasing on his birth anniversary, a state-wide bandh had been called by Muslim community over the High Court's recent judgement on hijab and security arrangements for Holi celebrations.

Hundreds of fans of the late actor thronged around over a dozen cinema theatres in the city where James was released. Fans began arriving theatres as early as 4 am to get tickets, the police said. "Some fans went berserk after not getting tickets for the first-day first-show, but they all calmed down after the police intervened. All across the city, the actor's fans were very cooperative and careful that no untoward instances occurred bringing embarrassment to their idol or their family members," a senior police officer said. Puneeth's fans had also put up his photographs decorated with flowers at many nooks and corners for the star's birthday.

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**Late actor's fans thronged theatres, and though some were upset at not getting a ticket for the film James, all were very cooperative to not create any untoward incidents**

A sizeable police force was also deployed for security arrangements for the bandh called by Muslim Community on Thursday. Around 40 platoons of Karnataka State Police Reserve (KSRP) Force along with City Armed Reserves (CAR) were deployed all over the sensitive areas in the city where even flag marches were carried out. "We had earlier instructed that the strike should not be forced on anyone, and there was absolutely no forceful closure of any shops. Many shops owned by the minority community remained shut. Security was beefed up with increased patrolling by men of BCP at sensitive areas. City police commissioner Kamal Pant was on rounds at the Kadugondanahalli, DJ Halli police, JC Nagar and RT Nagar police station limits and supervised security arrangements personally. "There was not even a single untoward incident, not even a stray incident on Thursday and the credit goes to all our men who were out there," said Kamal Pant.

Police also monitored Holi celebrations across the city, this time with a circular from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), from the Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences, reminding all responsible citizens not to use holi colours on animals.

# Garudacharpalya lake lost in filth on way to recovery

## Residents cheer as desilting work starts; BBMP removes over 50-60 kg silt and debris till now

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The Garudacharpalya lake located on Goshala road in Mahadevapura zone was almost extinct after people turned it into a dumping ground. Even the water had come down due to the lack of maintenance; many did not even know a lake existed in the locality. However, now the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has taken up the lake rejuvenation, sanctioned at Rs 3 crore.

Presently, the desilting of the lake has been carried out, while fencing and pathway is going to be created and saplings will be planted across the lake.

The lake had even sewage inflow inside the lake, causing stench and the water quality getting into a bad state. Further there was no lake bund in the lake, which will now be created by the BBMP. So far, over 50-60 kg loads of silt and debris has been removed from the lake.

The water present in the lake was diverted through a diversion canal and rejuvenation is being carried out.

Clement Jaykumar, Secretary of Mahadevpura Task Force said, "The rejuvenation work is being carried out by BBMP lakes department. Earlier there was sewage inflow and garbage dumped near the premises of the lake. Earlier it was fenced and a large amount of shrubs had grown, due to which many people were not visiting the lake. Now once the rejuvenation is completed, the place will improve."

> **The lake has not been maintained since last year.. It had turned out to look like a cesspool covered by plants and shrubs**
> – Resident

BBMP desilting the lake as part of the rejuvenated project sanctioned at Rs 3 crore

A resident said, "Not many know the lake exists as it has not been maintained since last year.. It turned out to look like a cesspool covered by plants and shrubs. However, with the walking pathway and more plants added, the place will get a new look. People might then start to visit the lake more often. The BBMP team should also ensure that sewage doesn't enter the lake and even after rejuvenation, the lake should not get into a bad state."

Some suggested that the addition of medicinal plants and fruiting and flowering plants will help in the attraction of birds and bees. Adding up fencing and guards will help in the protection of the lake so that miscreants do not take undue advantage of it, they added.

# Combat pilot training 7 steps ahead

## Bengaluru now has a seven-storeyed Flight Control System Integration facility

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a seven-storeyed Flight Control System (FCS) Integration facility at Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) in Bengaluru on Thursday. The state-of-the-art complex has been constructed in record 45 days, with in-house hybrid technology consisting of conventional, pre-engineered and precast methodology.

This FCS facility will support Research and Development (R&D) activities for developing Avionics for Fighter Aircraft and FCS for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft being undertaken by ADE, Bengaluru. The complex will also provide simulator training to the pilots of combat aircraft. The simulators provide an opportunity to learn by making mistakes without the possibility of any kinds of losses. Singh described the hybrid technology as an important milestone for the construction sector and hoped that in the coming times, India will become one of the leading countries in the field of construction technology.

The FCS facility is a building with a plinth area of 1.3 lakh square feet.The construction has been completed in 45 days, setting a unique record of completing a permanent building of seven stories with hybrid construction technology for the first time in the history of the construction industry in the country.

In Hybrid Construction Technology, the column and beam elements of the structural frame are built with steel plates. The column is of hollow steel tubular section. These columns are concrete filled steel hollow cross sections. The slabs are partially precast and all these structural members are assembled at site.

Concreting is done simultaneously to make the structure monolithically cast thus eliminating any dry joints as in case of precast construction. In this case of concrete-filled hollow sections, the steel provides a permanent framework to the concrete core which reduces the time and effort drastically as compared to conventional construction. The building is also provided with VRF air-conditioning system along with electrical system and fire protection as per the standard National building code. All structural design norms have been adhered to.

> **In hybrid technology, the columns and beam elements of the structural frame are built with steel plates. The columns are of hollow steel tubular sections**

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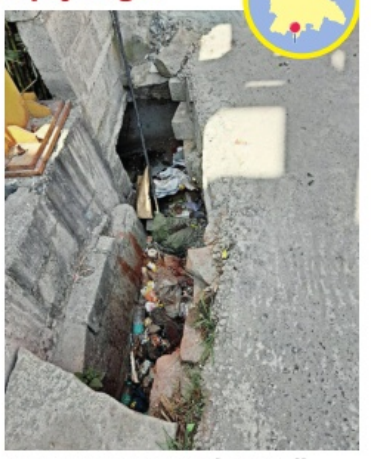
### Fix the hole
**BTM Layout**

A manhole cover on a pavement in the BTM layout 2nd stage is partly damaged and requires some concrete work. This poses risk to pedestrians, especially children and senior citizens.

### Lethal threat
**Bapuji Nagar**



A broken pavement in Bapuji Nagar is proving dangerous to unsuspecting pedestrians. This has also turned into a dumpyard by passersby littering the drain.

### Damaged path
**Jogupalya**

A broken pavement beside ESI hospital in Jogupalya has a water pipe exposed, posing risk for pedestrians and also residents who depend on the water.

# Students' plea for a safer commute

## Cases of snatchings, flashings, and sexual harassment near main campus trigger protests by students of Azim Premji University

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The students of Azim Premji University (APU), Sarjapur, have been staging a sit-in, demanding shuttle services for out-of-campus students. The protest was propelled by an incident of a student being openly harassed in broad daylight while walking towards the main campus.

For the past three days, APU students have been protesting for shuttle services and police patrolling in the area. Students have been requesting shuttle services due to cases of sexual harassment and snatching of valuables. According to Angel, a student, the problem is worsened as currently, the on-campus hostels are under construction. There are three external hostels and students have to walk along the main road, which is often unsafe. "The protest was triggered when one of our students was harassed. A man urinating in public flashed the student. There have been dozens of cases of snatching of valuables."

Students want a shuttle service from out-of-campus hostels to the main campus

> **We had been sending emails and requesting the university, but there were no responses**
>
> - Mohini, a student

Another student, Mohini, added that while students were being harassed while commuting; there was also a case where women were being stalked. "We have been sending emails and requesting the university formally but there were no responses from the management. We had to resort to the sit-in protest," she said.

Angel noted that these shuttle services were started earlier and stopped suddenly. Soon, students were back to walking to the university campus.

"We are demanding more shuttle services to be made available until the construction is completed. Every time we approach the management, they respond by stating budget constraints," she added.

Students say that only the hostel is close to a BMTC bus stop while others are at least 20 minutes away.

Following pressure from students, sources said management has agreed to most of their demands. "A registrar has informed that shuttle services will be introduced in three clusters. Our only complaint is that there are lesser shuttle services for boy's hostel," said Angel.

The students have also asked for a grievance-redressal mechanism to be set up. "A majority of the demands have been met and we are calling off the protest. However, we will keep the negotiations going," said Mohini.

# Loan angle suspected after bike goes up in flames

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A motorcycle belonging to a private firm employee from Chikkaballapura got gutted under mysterious circumstances near the Suradapura Gate in Rajanukunte police station limits on Thursday morning.

The owner of the bike was riding with his friend towards Yelahanka for work when they were stopped by two employees of a private finance firm from where he had borrowed a vehicle loan.

The rider parked the bike on the roadside and walked with the two staffers who wanted an explanation as to why he had not paid his EMIs. While the rider and the recovery agents were a few yards away, the bike suddenly caught fire.

**Bike gets gutted even as owner was speaking to staffers of finance firm where he took loan from**

The owner along with others rushed towards the bike to put it out, but it was too late.

He also sustained minor burn injuries on his hand in his efforts to put out the fire. A few passers-by alerted the fire control room and a fire tender rushed to the spot.

The rider later approached the police and filed a complaint, based on which, the police have taken up a case of accidental fire and are investigating to ascertain whether there was any foul play.

# Truck rams into bike: Woman killed, baby saved

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A 21-year-old woman was killed on the spot while her husband and child escaped with minor injuries after a speeding truck collided with their motorcycle. The trio were riding further after the Kanakapura toll booth on NICE road on Thursday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Sandhya. Her injured husband, Perumal, and his 1.3-year-old son were taken to the hospital and discharged after being given first aid, the police said.

According to the police, the couple are residents of Agara Hosapalya on Kanakapura Road and owned a hot chips' shop in the area. They were on their way to Hosur to visit their relatives.

**Speeding truck collides into bike on which family of three was travelling; mother's body shielded 1.3-year-old child and he escaped with minor injuries**

While riding on the NICE road, an overspeeding truck overtook them, and grazed the bike. As a result, Perumal lost control and the trio fell. While Perumal fell on the left, Sandhya and their child fell on the right, going under the back wheels of the truck. However, the child was saved by his mother while she sustained fatal injuries.

The Kumaraswamy Layout traffic police rushed to the spot and arrested the driver identified as B Kathirvel 30, resident of KR Puram and seized the truck for further investigations.

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# Man behind bars for planting explosive

The man, who was awarded 20 years of imprisonment for planting an improvised explosive bomb at the Mangaluru International Airport in January 2020, had managed to get raw materials to prepare the explosive from online service provider Amazon, as per the judgement.

The investigation agencies have submitted a report to the court about the accused Aditya Rao (37) procuring raw materials to make explosives online and in the 80-page judgement, the court mentions about the same.

They found that the accused with an intention to explode the substance so as to cause terror and endanger human life, had pre-planned an outline and collected the information for preparing improvised explosive substances by calling up 'Just Dial' company, the investigation agencies have stated.

Rao had visited several cyber centres, browsing centres as well as the internet centres and collected the information. Upon such collection of information, he had ordered the necessary raw materials for explosives from Amazon website, the investigation report says.After collecting the

**He planted handmade IED at Mangaluru airport, bought raw materials online**

raw materials without any license, the accused had descreetly stored them in the staff quarters of a family restaurant in Mangaluru.

Without permission from any authority, he had mixed the raw materials and prepared improvised explosive substances. After this, he had kept that improvised explosive substances in a black bag and moved it to the sensitive and crowded area at the departure gate of Mangaluru International Airport, the report says.

He had left the black bag containing improvised explosive substances at the airport and escaped from the place.

In 2018, the accused had applied for security supervisor post at Bengaluru airport and had spent Rs 7,500 for securing the post. When his attempts failed and he could not get the security supervisor job, he had made a hoax call that there is a bomb in Bangalore Airport and railway station. —IANS

# State to get twinning programmes for colleges

The preliminary round of discussion was held at Vikasa Soudha on Wednesday, with regard to extending the internationalization of education for degree, post-graduation, and engineering courses, the facility which at present is made available for diploma courses.

It was discussed in the meeting to introduce Twinning Degree programmes for the above courses.

Speaking at the meeting, C.N. Ashwatha Narayana, Karnataka Minister for Higher Education said, "At present MoU with Montgomery County community college of Pennsylvania has been implemented. The same needs to be extended for other courses which will be in accordance with the internationalization of education."

Responding to Minister's proposal, Kannika Choudhari, HE Envoy, Pennsylvania, USA, suggested entering into MoUs with Athens State University, York College (Pennsylvania), Harrisburg University of Science & Technology, Indiana University (Pennsylvania), Husson University, Thiel College, Alvernia University and Misericordia University to achieve the desired objectives.

"The students taking up these courses will be sent to American Universities in specific years of their studies and paid internships will be part of these courses. This also enables students to get employed in the USA after completion of their course, if they desire," Narayana said. Once the MoUs come into effect, the students can have a Twinning Degree of 6 years, Integrated Post-Graduation of 5 years, Twinning Post-Graduation of 4 years, M.S.Nursing (Integrated), and M.S.Biochemistry (Integrated), he stated.

He further said, "There are huge opportunities for those who have pursued graduation in Nursing and Health Administration." —ANI


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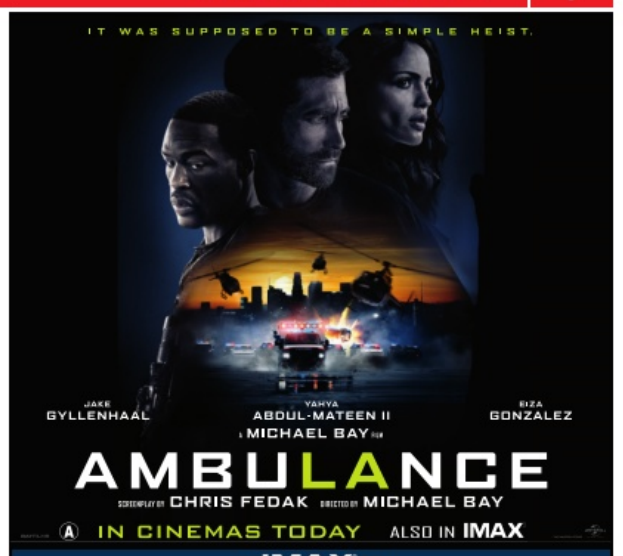


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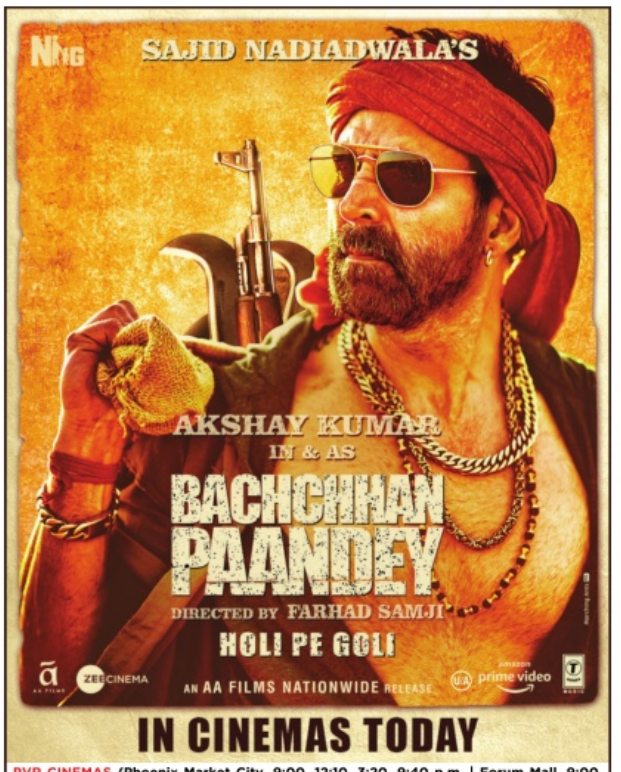


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# Tumakuru does eat right

## City only one from state to make the cut for top 11 in pilot stage of EatSmart Cities Challenge

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The India Food Park was inaugurated at Tumakuru in 2014

The neighbouring Tumakuru district has now been adjudged as one of the top 11 awardees of the pilot stage of the EatSmart Cities Challenge. In fact, Tumakuru is the lone winner from Karnataka. Tumakuru city is focused on circularity and waste reduction initiatives. There is a comprehensive nutrition education programme, including in prisons, which helped the city bag this honour.

Tumakuru, which is often called Kalpataru Nadu (land of coconut trees), is fast turning into a city of knowledge and education. Tumakuru hosted India's first mega food park, a project of the Ministry of Food Processing in 2014. The city has around 3,500 food vendors.

Tumakuru, with 10 other cities, will now enter the deep engagement stage of the challenge, wherein projects undertaken in the pilot stage will be scaled up in a sustainable manner. The challenge was launched by MoHUA in collaboration with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on April 15, 2021, to scale up the Eat Right India approach to the city level.

Manoj Joshi (secretary, MoHUA) said, "With the efforts of the 11 cities, we hope to start a movement that inspires all cities to transform their food systems and strengthen the food safety and regulatory environment, building awareness among the consumers and urge them to make better food choices in India's cities."

He stated that local bodies are being involved in the challenge to implement the programmes at the field level. "We need to look into the regulatory and licensing activities because the consumer should get tasty and healthy food at an affordable price. We also need to ensure serving good and safe food in the official meetings and in the canteens of offices, schools and colleges."

After launching the Smart City works, the next step was to enhance the health and wellbeing of the citizens and integrate sustainable food safety and nutrition systems. "The EatSmart Cities Challenge has the objective of motivating Smart Cities to develop a plan that supports a healthy, safe and sustainable food environment supported by institutional, physical, social, and economic infrastructure along with application of 'smart' solutions to combat food-related issues. The challenge is envisioned as a competition among cities to recognise their efforts in adopting and scaling up various initiatives under Eat Right India by strengthening the food safety and regulatory environment, building awareness among the consumers and urging them to make better food choices in Indian smart cities," said an official.

All cities under the Smart Cities Mission, capitals of States/UTs and cities with a population of more than 5,00,000 were invited to participate in the challenge. In all, 108 cities registered and 36 cities submitted their score cards and vision forms on the basis of the Eat Right India Framework and the pilot activities were conducted. Upon evaluation, 11 cities were selected as winners by a jury comprising national and international experts.

### Other achievers

**CHANDIGARH:** Plans to engage a broad range of food industry stakeholders and roll out behavioural changes campaigns.
**INDORE:** Undertook sustainable food policy actions, including recycling at the household level and a food surplus programme.
**JAMMU:** Presented Urban Agriculture projects along with vertical gardens, composts and technology intervention to manage food waste.
**JABALPUR:** A food security board has been established to sign off initiatives to ensure both scale and safety. A weight management or behaviour change intervention launched to tackle childhood obesity.
**PANAJI:** Incentivising food producers to implement food safety and hygiene measures.
**RAJKOT:** Focus on raising food safety at the household level.
**ROURKELA:** Supporting solar-powered cold storage.

> **"With efforts of the 11 cities, we hope to start a movement that inspires all cities to transform their food systems**
>
> –Manoj Joshi, MoHUA

# Parents air vaccine worries

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I don't see a reason to subject her to an unnecessary dose. Moreover, we are not sure about the side-effects of this vaccine. I have a 17-year-old daughter too; we had to get her vaccinated as her school made it mandatory. I will wait and see what stand the schools take. While the government said the vaccine is tested and safe, one cannot deny that it has been developed in a very short period," said Arun Kumar, another parent.

Parents are also worried about the ever-changing strains of covid-19. "The number of cases has gone down drastically, and people are wondering if vaccinations are required anymore. Moreover, a new variant of the virus will render this vaccine useless. Many who have taken the jab are regretting it as they are not sure if it works," said another anxious parent.

Parental vaccine hesitancy has left health experts worried too. Dr Jagdish Chinnappa, senior pediatric consultant at Manipal Hospital, said the vaccine is absolutely safe and parents should not be worried about mild side-effects.

"The platform that has been used to develop this vaccine is safe and tested. Moreover, this is the only way to get rid of the pandemic. Every vaccine has residual immunity against severe diseases; it comes with two types of immunity. While one prevents us from getting the infection, the other will safeguard us from getting into serious trouble. Most of the covid vaccines will continue to retain their significance for the second part irrespective of the strain. Children might still get infected by the virus, but with vaccination, they will not land in trouble," said Dr Chinnappa.

While many are hesitant to get their young ones vaxxed, some have been eagerly waiting for the drive to begin. "We are waiting to book a slot but have not been able to, so far. We will get our daughter vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available. Currently, the COWIN app is not working," said Prasanjeet Basu, a parent.

The covid-19 vaccination for children aged 12-14 years began on March 16. At the moment, the Corbevax vaccine is being administered to this age group. According to the BBMP officials, the COWIN portal will be available from Friday to book vaccination slots."The portal is under maintenance to accommodate a different format for age entries. While earlier, only birth year was required as an age indicator, date-of-birth will also be needed now to book slots. We have a target of 3,40,999 children in the city in this age group. But, we will not be conducting vaccination drives in schools this time," said Dr AS Balasundar, chief health officer, BBMP.

# Bengaluru in slow motion

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"We have begun the mission to identify 'calm streets' in residential areas. In the next phase, we are planning to put up sign boards and bring in other interventions to make the pedestrians and cyclists feel safe. The advantage is, as the cycle lanes are mainly on the main roads, we can create alternative cycle lanes in these sub-roads," Bengaluru Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran told Bangalore Mirror.

The Slow Streets campaign attempts to build bottom-up consensus to the transformation of neighbourhoods and be ready to connect to the bicycle lane network planned by DULT for implementation by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

As per a recent source apportionment study conducted by the Center for Study of Science Technology and Policy (CSTEP) submitted to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and presented to the Chief Minister, more than 68% of emissions in Bengaluru is transport-led. This clearly shows the need to change the excessive and extended reliance on motor vehicles in the city.

Council For Active Mobility's (CFAM's) #My15MinCity campaign has gathered more than a thousand pledges to walk and cycle for short distances in neighbourhoods. It has shown that many people in the city want to avoid motor vehicles in their respective neighbourhoods for a start and extend that to longer trips across the city using protected bicycle lanes that are planned and committed to more than 600 km of roads in Bengaluru's Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP). The data from the Cycle To Work platform shows a sizeable number of employees in the city already do longer commutes.

"While adults in the city are trying to save the microclimate of Bengaluru which can be influenced by transportation choices, it is incumbent on the younger generation to pick up the ball and change the unsustainable practices the adults from the previous generation have inculcated. Schools and colleges have a big role to play in this effort. CFAM's Green Institution programme launched last year envisaged a star rating for schools and colleges which promote cycling and walking in addition to public transport for their students. CFAM has been in discussions with a few schools during the pandemic to roll out the programme when the schools go back to physical presence in full strength," Sankaran added.

This year, CFAM is looking to extend the above two marquee efforts and launch the Slow Streets campaign which envisages in the first step, marking on a map calmer streets in the neighbourhood away from the main roads in the form of a network that connects schools, utilities and recreation centres like parks and playgrounds. Participation from volunteers, residents and schools are being sought to collect signatures at events like cycle day so that public involvement in making the streets safer is ensured.

Slow Streets is also endorsed in the draft Active Mobility bill prepared by Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), a first in the country, to be placed before the Karnataka cabinet.

"This crowd sourced traffic calmed network of cycle routes will be made available to the general public online so cyclists can explore these routes. We are also designing signages and props on the streets which will inform pedestrians, cyclists and drivers of motor vehicles to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists on these streets. For the pilot, preference will be given to streets which have the most number of residents and schools participating in this campaign. The schools and colleges which support this initiative along with providing cycle stands, CFAM's 3C cycle training certificate, etc. will acquire green star rating for each initiative and be awarded a Green Institution tag," the bicycle mayor noted.

The future of the city's weather and liveability depends on our choices and how we shape our neighbourhoods. CFAM with its 35 Active Mobility Councillors, founded by the first Bicycle Mayor of Bengaluru Sathya Sankaran, has run the award winning Relief Riders campaign and is now building up resilience in the city with campaigns like Slow Streets.

# A working relationship

## Actor Yami Gautam tells us all about her equation with director husband Aditya Dhar

Actor Yami Gautam recently wowed everyone with her stellar performance in A Thursday. Recently, ETimes got into an exclusive conversation with Yami as she celebrated the success of her film. The actor spoke about her husband and filmmaker Aditya Dhar, and revealed when fans can expect her to reunite with him for another project.

Yami featured in 'Uri: The Surgical Strike' directed by Aditya. Post the film, the duo were in a relationship and got married last year.

On being asked if Aditya gives any inputs to her while she chooses any script, she said that she goes by her gut when she signs any project. Yami shared, "Choosing scripts is a very different process. That's something which I go by on my own, that's how it's always been with me, right from my first film. I go by my gut, I need to see how excited I feel by reading the script as an actor and as an audience, both and the director, because finally you are trusting somebody, and then how pivotal is your part to the story. So all these things. But when it comes to any suggestions and discussions, yes, absolutely! We discuss. It's not just about getting stuck somewhere, but anything. We enjoy watching films, every kind of genre. No matter how tired we are, and we've had our own commitments, but the day mostly ends with watching something good, because we both enjoy it."

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She added that Aditya has never read any of her scripts but he is 'aware' of them. She added, "Aditya's mind and his ideas and his imagination of possibilities, that's extremely inspiring for me as an actor to hear. And with cinema or the kind of industry that we are in, and the profession that I'm in, as much as I keep my mind open to ideas, to different possibilities, it's going to help me in my work. So he has never read any of my scripts but he is aware. This healthy discussion only helps me become a better actor and keep working on my perspective, keep broadening that horizon and that vision."— **Sneha Hiro, ETimes**

# Who has set the sets afire?

Ranveer Singh was not joking when he said Deepika Padukone's look in 'Pathaan' will set the screen ablaze. A day after Shah Rukh Khan left fans swooning over his shirtless photos from the 'Pathaan' sets, Deepika Padukone scorched up the 'Gram with her bikini photos. A bunch of leaked photos from the sets see the actress showing off her chiselled body in a gorgeous black bikini that she pairs with a sarong and statement earrings.

That's not all, the beauty was impossible to miss as she danced around in the sun in a risque yellow monokini.

Just last week, Ranveer played Deepika's hypeman when a fan asked him for an update on his wifey's movie. Talking about DP's look in the film, Ranveer shared that his Mrs will have a 'super fit and super glamorous' avatar.

"I've heard the song. It's amazing. It's Sid Anand and Vishal-Shekhar. You get the vibe. I think Vaibhavi ma'am is shooting the song. So, she is now with Deepika in Spain. They are collaborating for the first time. Isn't it strange that their paths have not crossed?" he said. **— ETimes**

# George Miller's Three Thousand Years of Longing set for Cannes

Filmmaker George Miller's anticipated fantasy-romance-drama 'Three Thousand Years Of Longing' with Idris Elba and Tilda Swinton will world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, Variety has learned.

Both Miller and Swinton are Cannes regulars. Swinton appeared in five movies at last year's festival, while Miller served as jury president in 2016 and his most recent film 'Mad Max: Fury Road' played at the fest in 2015.

The intriguing plot, for which details are being kept under wraps, revolves around the encounter between a scholar and a djinn who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom.

Their conversation, in a hotel room in Istanbul, leads to consequences neither would have expected.

Miller previously described the film as being dialogue-driven and 'anti-Mad Max' with some action scenes.

# James is Puneeth's show all the way

**JAMES**
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
- **DIRECTOR** Chethan Kumar
- **ACTORS** Puneeth Rajkumar, Priya Anand
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A

James, being the last commercial film of Sandalwood's Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar was released in theatres on Thursday, amid huge expectations. The film was released coinciding with the actor's birth anniversary, and fans thronged theatres to watch Appu come alive on the screens for one last time. The film, helmed by Chetan Kumar, has Priya Anand paired opposite Appu in James. This is the first time the actor-director is collaborating on a film, which certainly raised the expectations of fans. So, how's the movie?

Puneeth Rajkumar plays Major Santosh Kumar, a soldier placed in the border. However, he quits the Army to start his security agency, and revenge is the purpose. Who is his target and why does he decide to leave the army forms the gist of the movie, James. Fans enjoyed the very presence of Puneeth. What begins right from his powerful entry -- a chase scene -- remains till the end, an impressive experience. Puneeth, who is known as the best dancer too, treated fans with his stylish moves. Equally entertaining were over-the-top fight sequences.

However, director Chethan Kumar had no choice but to add a body double, which was obvious in a couple of scenes, but he managed to pull it off. Shivarajkumar has tried his best to make his voice like Puneeth, yet fans can make out the difference. Shivanna and Raghavendra Rajkumar's brief cameo makes it significant and goes along with the story. Puneeth steals the show in the army officer's attire.

It's Puneeth's show while Priya Anand also makes her presence felt. Rangayana Raghu is the only other supporting actor who gets good screen space. The twist before the interval piques the curiosity of the audience. Charan Raj has come up with good songs and the background score in certain places elevates the scenes but could have been better. Cinematographer Swamy gets full marks for his job. All the high-octane action sequences in James featuring Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar are outstanding. Puneeth in all stylish avatars looks very handsome. Overall, with James as the title, this action entertainer is Puneeth's show all the way.

**—Mahesha H**

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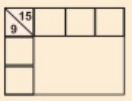
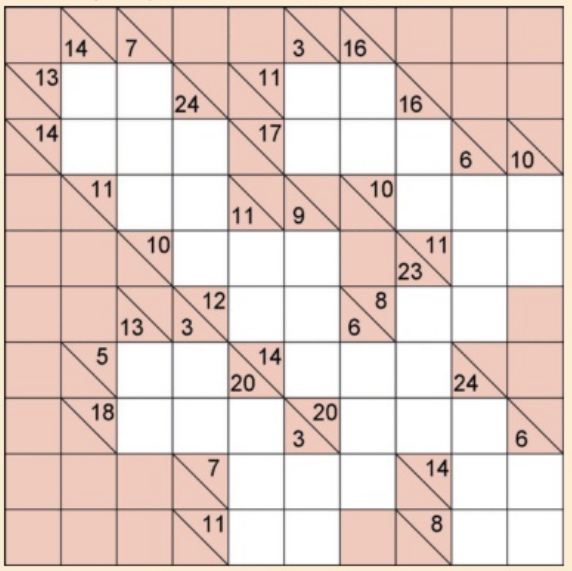
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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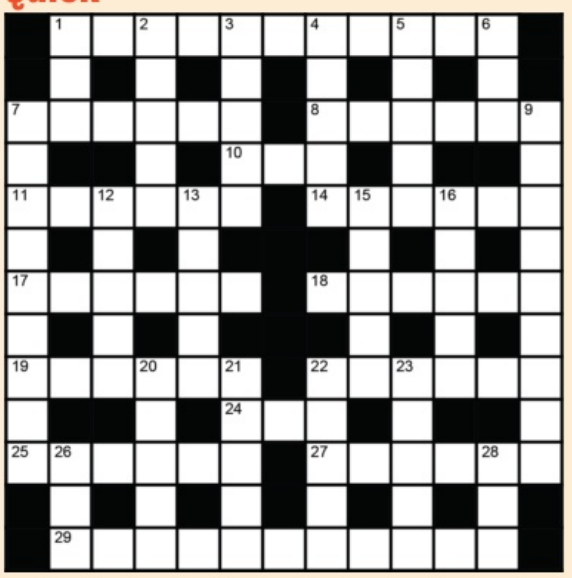


**ACROSS**

1 Look into (11)
7 City in Uttar Pradesh (6)
8 Black Sea port in Ukraine (6)
10 Barley beard (3)
11 Old writer (6)
14 Sea channel (6)
17 Races in which baton exchange is a must? (6)
18 Environment or surroundings (6)
19 Full assembly (6)
22 Ram Nath ___ : 14th President of India (6)
24 Large bird (3)
25 Carry on My Wayward Son rock group (6)
27 Length of cotton (6)
29 A hater of mankind (11)

**DOWN**

1 Anger (3)
2 Famous Italian composer (5)
3 Bristles–"tease" anagram? (5)
4 Chains or fetters (5)
5 Come closer–as the poet may say? (5)
6 Greek goddess of dawn (3)
7 Popular dessert in Karnataka and the rest of the country as well (6,3)
9 Amazed, confounded or astonished (9)
12 Lunar valley (5)
13 Marshy tributary (5)
15 Trigonometry in short? (5)
16 Proof of innocence (5)
20 Organs of breathing (5)
21 Subatomic particle (5)
22 Desert region of Gujarat (5)
23 Zodiac sign (5)
26 Prepare for war (3)
28 Expert or adept (3)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: D EQUALS G**

UHZ EIM LUVT I SZTRAXHMIYPT VBHQZEA CHB I PXAAPT JLXPT, YZA UHZ'PP MTFTB YZXPQ IM TMQZBXMD YZRXMTRR.

### Linemaro

I'm not actually this tall. I'm sitting on my wallet

### Mindchow

When you own your breath, nobody can steal your peace

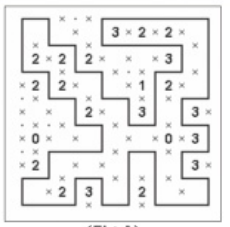
### Joke of the day

How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?

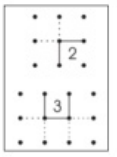
## Loop

**Rules**

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

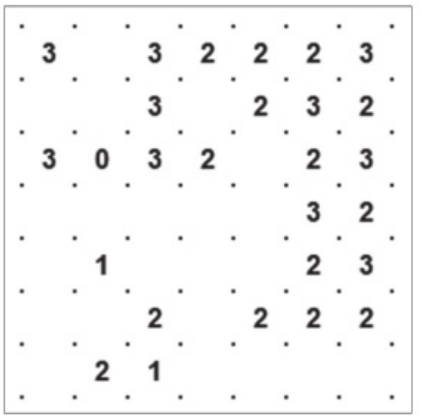


(Fig B) Not Allowed

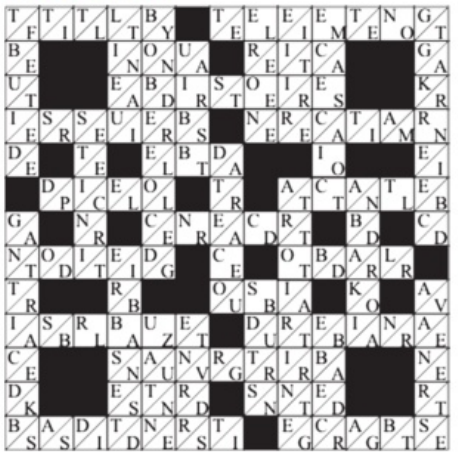
**How to begin:**

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



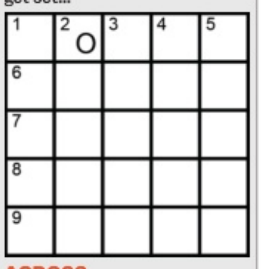
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



**ACROSS**

1 Roils; 6 Bap ma; 7 Tease; 8 A gait; 9 Hooks

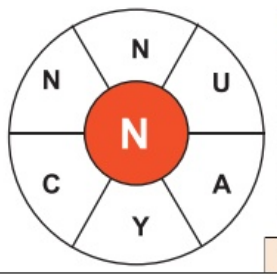
**DOWN**

1 Salts; 2 He Boa; 3 Tario; 4 Amigo; 5 Spake

## Mensapuzzle

Which is the smallest segment and which is the largest segment in this circle?

## Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**01** Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| | 1 | 4 | | | | 7 | 2 | |
| | | 5 | 1 | | 3 | 9 | | |
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 23

2 3 8 9

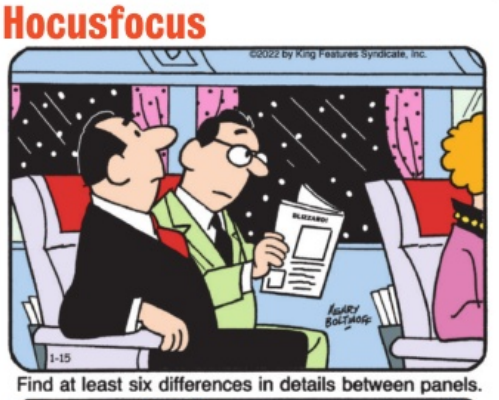
**Medium** = 22

2 4 4 6

**Hard** = 3

2 3 7 2

## Hocusfocus




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

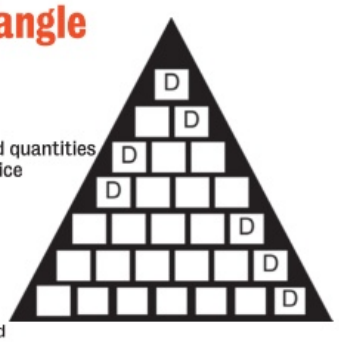
**Differences:** 1. Man is looking the other way. 2. Mouth is open. 3. Necklace is missing. 4. Tie is different. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Armrest is different.

## Riddler

At noon, you look at the clock in your bedroom. The big hand is on the five and the little hand is in between the 3 and the 4. What time is it?

## Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 TV Mister
3 Ruby or Sandra
4 Reckon
5 _out: gave in fixed quantities
6 Filled in at the office
7 Enticed



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

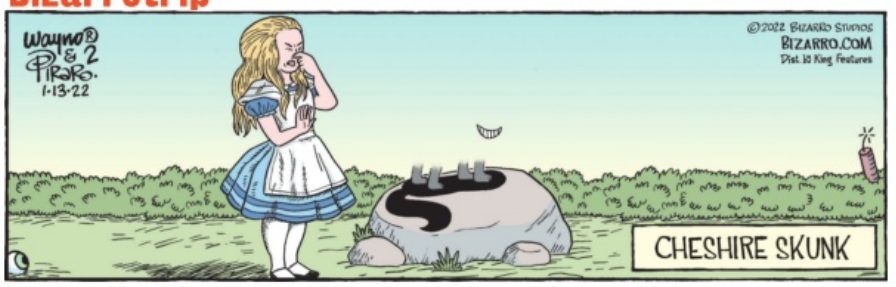

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson

BE SEEING YOU
SO LONG, DOC
IT BEATS ME HOW THAT GUY KEEPS HIS LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE!
WHY'S THAT?
HE HITS DRIVES THAT MAKE COMPLETE U-TURNS, BUT HE CAN'T SINK A PUTT FROM SIX INCHES

## Bizarrotrip




## Diamond Lil

## Hart of the city

HEART?
HOW ARE WE DOING?
FLERFLG?
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF COTTON PACKED IN THERE FROM THE SURGERY...
...FORTUNATELY I SPEAK A FLUENT MUSH MOUTH.
URGL FLOB
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## Crankshaft

IF ANYONE HAS TO USE THE RESTROOM BEFORE WE LEAVE ON OUR FIELD TRIP TO THE ART MUSEUM...
YOU'D BETTER HUSTLE INTO THE SCHOOL AND DO IT NOW!
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BATIUK & DAVIS

## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. Love will be in the air in your personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in your professional life. Your friends and subordinates may support you. Investments in gems and jewellery may give positive gains in the near future. You should be careful about the health of senior members in the family.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
You may be happy. An energy in you may help create your social image. You may spend your time studying intellectual data. You may also plan for higher studies to groom your career. Students may hear good news in competitive examinations.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today, the start of the day may be dull. After late evening, you may control negativity. New people may connect with you on the work front. With the help of new people, you may try to revamp your business plans. It is advised to read documents before putting your signature.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, with the help of blessings, you may control your indecisiveness. Kids' health is better now. Your colleagues may be supportive in your work, which will help a project to become successful. You may expect to get some incentives along with the salary. Natives related to dairy, water projects, grains, home maker art and culture may do good.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers and social events. You may become polite with people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household items, which may improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your relatives.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be happy and blessed by the moon. You may feel healthy, which may reflect in your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of life, which may improve your social status. Your concentration may be very good today; you may make some difficult decisions in your business in terms of growth.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your vital power may slow down; an old disease may reappear, which may make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure trips or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of ligations; you may settle it out of the jury. Try to avoid making arguments on worthless topics. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may increase your management skills. This may give benefits in the near future. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your business partner, you may invest some capital in the business.

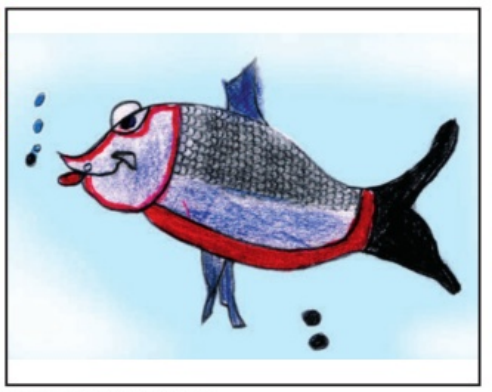
**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at work, which may make you tired and you may not be able to spend proper time in a family get-together. You may be able to create some overseas networks. You should be careful in terms of investments. Job-holders may get a promotion.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, the situation is under control. Your destiny may be with you in terms of gains in business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It may be a good time to reinitiate your postponed projects. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some money to a religious place or to some charity.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your moon is not in a good position. You may have health issues. You may face losses in the business or in investment. It is advised not to invest into business. Your gains will convert into losses. You are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should avoid being involved in controversies, otherwise it will pull you down.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
You are blessed by the moon today. You may expect to hear some good news in terms of your profession. Domestic life may be in full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics. Over excitement may test your patience. You can make important decisions regarding investments in real estate. Students will be focused on their studies.

## KIDZONE



Sinchana, 13 years, Bengaluru

Ayush Mallya, 8 years, RVK-A

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# SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
(6×5×4)/3!
5×4=20

**BULL'S EYE**
canny, nanny, UNCANNY

**STRIKE OUT**

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**FAST FIVE**

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**QUOTE UNCODE**
You can type a questionable product for a little while, but you'll never build an enduring business.

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
17 is the smallest segment; 14 is the largest segment.

**RIDDLER**
Noon. (However, if you answered that it's time to get a new clock, you're right, too.)

**SUDOKU**

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| 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 8 |

**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
D, Ed, Dee, Deem, Meted, temped, Tempted.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
2 × 3 + 9 + 8 = 23
Medium
4 × 6 + 2 − 4 = 22
Hard
3 + 7 / 2 − 2 = 3

**LOOP**

**KAKURO**

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